



Brownfields 2004 Grant Fact Sheet

Michigan Department of Environmental Quality

EPA Brownfields Program

EPA's Brownfields Program empowers states, communities, and other stakeholders in economic development to work together to prevent, assess, safely clean up, and sustainably reuse brownfields. A brownfield site is real property, the expansion, redevelopment, or reuse of which may be complicated by the presence or potential presence of a hazardous substance, pollutant, or contaminant. On January 11, 2002, the President signed into law the Small Business Liability Relief and Brownfields Revitalization Act. Under the Brownfields Law, EPA provides financial assistance to eligible applicants through four competitive grant programs: assessment grants, revolving loan fund grants, cleanup grants, and job training grants. Additionally, funding support is provided to state and tribal response programs through a separate mechanism.

Community Description

The Michigan Department of Environmental Quality was selected to receive a brownfields assessment grant. Michigan (population 9.9 million) is a large state with many small rural towns and villages plagued with high unemployment rates and lacking the resources to assess and redevelop brownfields sites. The seven targeted assessment sites are in the rural towns and villages of four Michigan counties (combined population 20,337) with median household incomes ranging from less than half the state median to 88 percent of the median. The family poverty levels range from 6.7 to 38.5 percent. The six petroleum sites all have old,



Assessment Grant

**New
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\$50,000 for hazardous substances
\$200,000 for petroleum

EPA has selected the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality for a brownfields assessment grant. Hazardous substances grant funds will be used to conduct Phase I site assessments, surface and subsurface surveys, soil sampling, groundwater sampling, and remediation plan preparation at a former hardware store in the Village of Twining. Petroleum grant funds will be used to perform the same tasks at six petroleum-contaminated sites in the counties of Arenac, Saginaw, Tuscola, and Berrien.

Contacts

For further information, including specific grant contacts, additional grant information, brownfields news and events, and publications and links, visit the EPA Brownfields web site at: www.epa.gov/brownfields

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The cooperative agreement for this grant has not yet been negotiated; therefore, the activities described in this fact sheet are subject to change.

substandard, uncoated steel underground storage tanks in areas of unconfined groundwater at shallow depths. Assessment of these sites will help determine the impact of the UST-related contamination on the towns' private groundwater wells, the primary source of drinking water for local residents. Reuse plans for these sites include residential, commercial, office, and community center facilities.